A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) So far as the Government are aware the reservoir ran dry in 1915 and a similar failure occurred in 1926.

(*e*) The Government have ordered the immediate investigation of a scheme for the supply of water to Salem Town from the Mettur Reservoir.

Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPAH Bahadur :—" With reference to answer (*c*), may I ask the Government to enquire into the matter? The tank has dried up ; people are suffering from cholera."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The Government have already given information regarding cholera ; with regard to the tank being dried up, the Government will take the information given by the hon. Member."

Removal of the mixed provincialization of Health Officers.

* 1722 Q.—Mr. M. NARASIMHA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations were made by the municipal councils to remove the mixed provincialization of Health Officers ;

(*b*) if so, what those municipalities are ; and

(*c*) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to remove this mixed provincialization ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Municipal Councils of Salem, Tuticorin, Negapatam, Calicut, Coimbatore, Cocanada, Trichinopoly, Vellore, Guntur, Cochin, Bellary, Tinnevelly and Bezwada.

(*c*) The Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, has been amended by the insertion of the new section 77-A.

Registration

Promotions to the selection grade of Sub-Registrars.

* 1723 Q.—Diwan Bahadur R. N AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government intend to make promotions to the selection grade of Sub-Registrars before making promotions to the upper grade of Sub-Registrars ; and

(*b*) why they proceed to make promotions to the existing vacancies in the selection grade before filling up a long-standing vacancy in the upper grade ?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know when these appointments will be made ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The appointments will be made from time to time."

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Mr. K. Uppi Sahib :—" May I know whether the Government will appoint probationary District Registrars direct, instead of promoting persons from the selection grade ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" There is no question of direct recruitment to the Registrar's grade."

Appointment of upper grade sub-registrars.

* 1724 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals to fill up the several vacancies in the upper grade of sub-registrars were submitted to Government a year ago ;

(b) whether the Government have passed orders on the above proposals ;

(c) whether the above proposals included the question of promoting a number of Muhammadans and Christians to the upper grade so as to make them eligible for promotion to the selection grade ; and

(d) how many vacancies there are in the upper and selection grades respectively ?

A.—(a) to (c) The proposals are under consideration and orders will be issued shortly.

(d) Selection grade 4.
Upper grade 24.

Mr. K. Uppi Sahib :—" May I know for how long these vacancies have not been filled up ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" I think they have been vacant for about one year in the case of upper grade and two months as regards selection grade."

Mr. K. Uppi Sahib :—" Have the Government received proposals from the Inspector-General of Registration ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Yes and they are being examined."

Mr. K. Uppi Sahib :—" May I ask whether the proposals of the Inspector-General were turned down many a time ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" And fresh proposals have been received."

Mr. K. Uppi Sahib :—" May I enquire whether there were proposals to give chances to Muhammadan officers ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Even now, they may have those chances."

Co-operative Societies

Representation of West Coast people in the Co-operative department.

* 1725 Q.—Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of West Coast people employed in the Co-operative department ; and

(b) the number of Mappillas out of this number ?